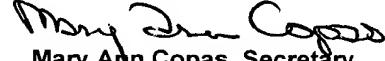




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For: COMPONENT COMPRISÉD OF AT LEAST ONE SUPPORT MEMBER AND AT LEAST ONE PART CONNECTED THERETO AS WELL AS METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CONNECTION BETWEEN A SUPPORT MEMBER AND A PART OF SUCH COMPONENT

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 09/02/00

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of March 2, 2000, please consider the following remarks in support of patentability of the above-identified patent application:

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 2, 2000, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a